

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE ZONE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 376 of 1996

125.2683 Definitions.

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

(a) "Agricultural processing facility" means 1 or more facilities or operations that transform, package, sort, or grade livestock or livestock products, agricultural commodities, or plants or plant products, excluding forest products, into goods that are used for intermediate or final consumption including goods for nonfood use, and surrounding property.

(b) "Board" means the state administrative board created in 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3.

(c) "Development plan" means a written plan that addresses the criteria in section 7 and includes all of the following:

(i) A map of the proposed renaissance zone that indicates the geographic boundaries, the total area, and the present use and conditions generally of the land and structures within those boundaries.

(ii) Evidence of community support and commitment from residential and business interests.

(iii) A description of the methods proposed to increase economic opportunity and expansion, facilitate infrastructure improvement, and identify job training opportunities.

(iv) Current social, economic, and demographic characteristics of the proposed renaissance zone and anticipated improvements in education, health, human services, public safety, and employment if the renaissance zone is created.

(v) Any other information required by the board.

(d) "Elected county executive" means the elected county executive in a county organized under 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to 45.521, or 1973 PA 139, MCL 45.551 to 45.573.

(e) "Forest products processing facility" means 1 or more facilities or operations that transform, package, sort, recycle, or grade forest or paper products into goods that are used for intermediate or final use or consumption or for the creation of biomass or alternative fuels through the utilization of forest products or forest residue, and surrounding property. Forest products processing facility does not include an existing facility or operation that is located in this state that relocates to a renaissance zone for a forest products processing facility. Forest products processing facility does not include a facility or operation that engages primarily in retail sales.

(f) "Local governmental unit" means a county, city, village, or township.

(g) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, limited liability company, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

(h) "Qualified local governmental unit" means either of the following:

(i) A county.

(ii) A city, village, or township that contains an eligible distressed area as defined in section 11 of the state housing development authority act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1411.

(i) "Recovery zone" means a tool and die renaissance recovery zone created in section 8d.

(j) "Renaissance zone" means a geographic area designated under this act.

(k) "Renewable energy facility" means a facility that creates energy directly or fuel from the wind, the sun, trees, grasses, biosolids, algae, agricultural commodities, processed products from agricultural commodities, or residues from agricultural processes, wood or forest processes, food production and processing, or the paper products industry. Renewable energy facility also includes a facility that creates energy or fuels from solid biomass, animal wastes, or landfill gases. Renewable energy facility also includes a facility that focuses on research, development, or manufacturing of systems or components of systems used to create energy or fuel from the items described in this subdivision.

(l) "Residential rental property" means that term as defined in section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ff.

(m) "Review board" means the renaissance zone review board created in section 5.

(n) "Rural area" means an area that lies outside of the boundaries of an urban area.

(o) "Urban area" means an urbanized area as determined by the economics and statistics administration, United States bureau of the census according to the 1990 census.

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